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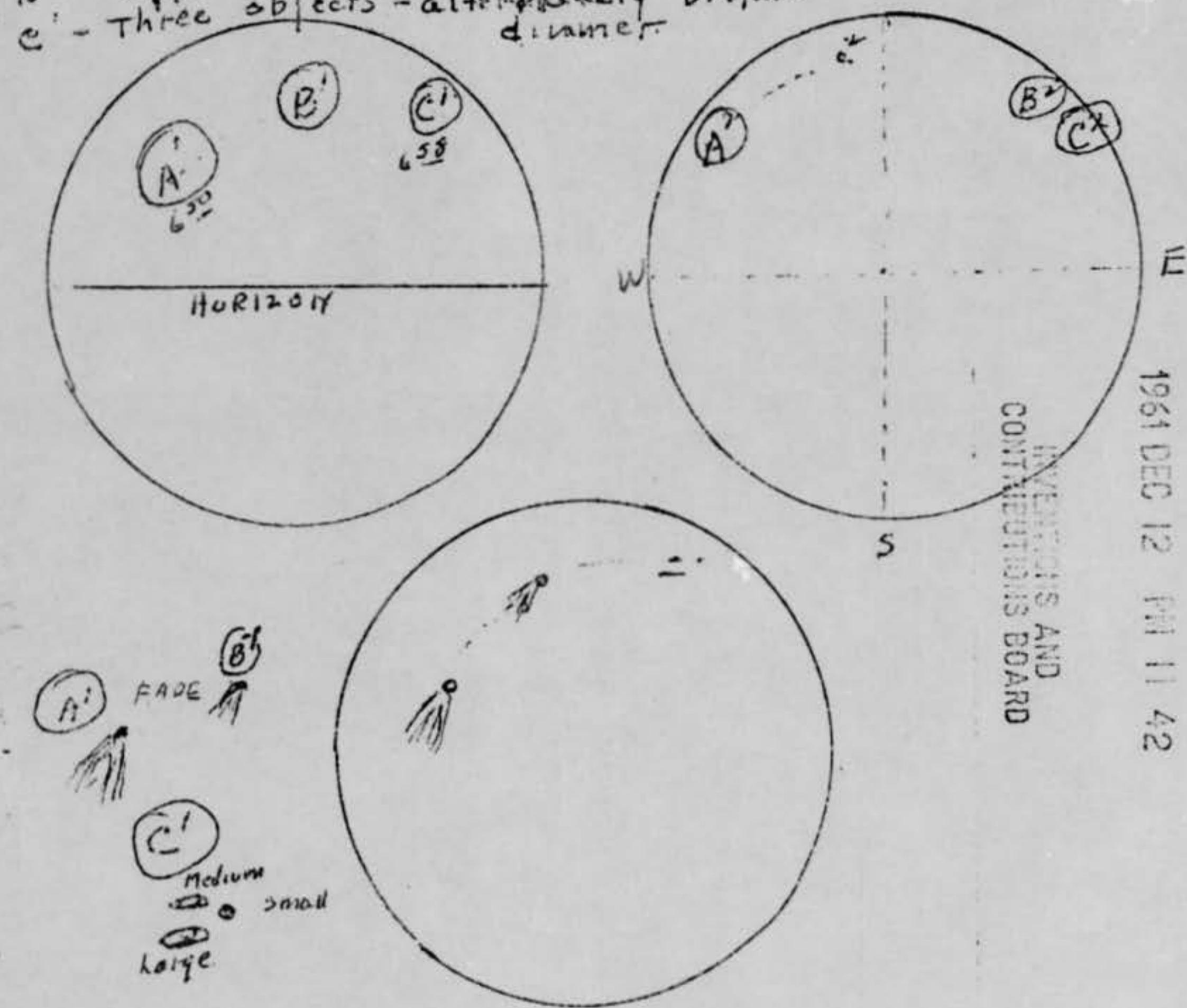
1. DATE 6 December 1961	2. LOCATION St Thomas, Virgin Islands	12. CONCLUSIONS <input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Was Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other <u>Missile</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local <u>1540 EST</u> GMT <u>2250Z</u>	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ground-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Radar <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Intercept Radar	6. SOURCE Civilian
5. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 8 Min.	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Object ascending fading, increasing in brilliance. Believed to be a rocket by the observer.	9. COURSE Ascending	11. COMMENTS Test 6201 Jupiter was launched 13 minutes prior to the reported sighting.

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[REDACTED]
St. Thomas
Virgin Islands
USA -

Visual observation - 6:50 PM (5:50 EST)
Sighted as glow with comet-like
tail - constant in ascendancy -
fading - sudden renewed glow
(see A' - A'') new glow with
smaller "glow" tail - fading but
3 object - smaller in lead -
second magnitude behind and
above - third and largest behind
and below E - Disappeared
in high haze as indicated on
reverse side -
Assumption - 2 stage rocket -
first glow, blast off please - second
glow - second stage - 3 objects -
lead capsule - smaller - second
stage shell - larger - 1st stage -
flicker caused by reflected sun on
flop-over flight! [REDACTED] -

A¹ - observed as "comet" - blunt nosed - gaseous shroud trailing behind.
 movement appeared to increase as neared zenith - Trail
 faded -
 B² - Appeared again as A¹ - but smaller
 C¹ - Three objects - alternately brighter - N
 diameter



A² = Sighted.
 A³ = New glow
 B² = Out of
 view -
 C² = Constellation
 Pleadies -

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February 9, 1962

FROM: NASA Headquarters, Code AB

TO: Commander, Air Tactical Intelligence Center
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio

SUBJECT: Report of Visual Observation of Unidentified Flying
Objects in the vicinity of St. Thomas, Virgin Islands.

1. Forwarded herewith is a letter received by this office from Mr. [REDACTED] describing visual observations made at 5:40 p.m. Eastern Standard Time, presumably on the date of his letter, December 6, 1961. His letter is being forwarded for whatever action is deemed advisable. Mr. [REDACTED] has been informed of this reference.

James A. Hootman
James A. Hootman, Executive Secretary
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Enclosure:

Mr. [REDACTED] letter of 12/6/61/

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February 9, 1962

Mr. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
St Thomas, Virgin Islands

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]

We appreciate the interest which prompted the submittal of your letter of December 6, 1961, in which you report certain observations made at 5:50 P.M. Eastern Standard Time. We assume that the date of these observations was December 6, the date of your letter.

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration does not have the assignment or the facilities to investigate reports of unidentified flying objects. We have therefore forwarded your letter to the Department of the Air Force, which has the primary responsibility for investigating this type of observation. We wish to thank you again for your interest.

Sincerely yours,
Original signature of
James A. Kootzman

James A. Kootzman, Executive Director
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